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SUBJECT: GOP VIEWS ON VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO AN AIDE MEMOIRE LEFT WITH THE GOP
APRIL 29 OPPOSING PRG PARTICIPATION IN A NUMBER OF UP-

COMING CONFERENCES, (PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REF A), DE PERIO,
NO. 3 IN OFFICE OF UN AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 13 THAT GOP
FRANKLY SURPRISED AT HARD LINE TAKEN BY GVN ON LAW OF THE
SEA. SHE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN THAT GVN HAD
SPOKEN AGAINST THE ARCHIPELAGO THEORY AT NAIROBI
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CONFERENCE AND STATED THAT DFA RECONSIDERING ITS STAND

ON POINTS IN OUR AIDE MEMOIRE IN THIS CONTEXT. WHEN EMBOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE DFA SHOULD SEE CONNECTION THESE TWO SUBJECTS, DE PERIO REPLIED, "VERY MUCH SO" AND STATED SHE WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. ON SAME DAY DFA GAVE VAGUE BUT POSITIVE ASSURANCES TO VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR THAT GOP WOULD OPPOSE ECOSOC INVITING PRG TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME IN NOVEMBER.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE DISINCLINED AT MOMENT TO BELIEVE THAT DFA SERIOUSLY PROPOSING TO REVERSE POSITION ON PRG BECAUSE OF PIQUE AT MONTH-OLD GVN DEMARCHE ON LOS. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT GOP IS ATTEMPTING TO SUGGEST THROUGH US THAT GVN NOT CROWD PHILIPPINES TOO CLOSELY IF IT IS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN GOP SUPPORT VIS-A-VIS PRG. IF THIS IS IN FACT PURPOSE OF DFA "INSTRUCTION," POINT MAY BE WELL TAKEN VIEW DEMONSTRATED CONCERN OF THAIS AS WELL AS FILIPINOS AT GVN MUSCLE FLEXING IN SPRATLY AREA, 50 MILE ZONE AND NOW LOS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE DFA POSITION. SULLIVAN

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